

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3781
Rieck, Hajo) Confirmation No.: 6760
Serial No.: 10/541,845) Examiner: Robin Annette Hylton
Filed: June 27, 2006) **Affidavit of Denise Marsh**
Atty. File No.: 1604BPE-17-PUS) Electronically Submitted
Entitled: "*Fixing the Position of a Pull-Tab with*
an Anti Rotation Bead Formed from the Panel")
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I am the head docketing specialist of Sheridan Ross P.C. and I hereby affirm that the Notice of Allowance dated September 21, 2010 related to the above-identified patent application was never received. More specifically, it is our practice to review all incoming correspondence and docket all associated due dates. In the case of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due (PTOL-85), the Issue Fee Due Date is recorded. As the docket associated with the above-identified patent application does not include a line item for the due date to pay the Issue Fee, it is evident that the PTOL-85 was never received.

I am aware that wilful and false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and may jeopardize the ability of the application or patent issuing thereon. Statements made herein are made of my own knowledge and are true and all statements are made upon information and belief that are believed to be true.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reference #	1604BPE-17-PUS	Title	Fixing the Position of a Pull-Tab with an Anti Rotation Bead Formed from the Panel				Priority	01/13/2003	
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PRIOR APPLICATIONS

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	WO	PCT/DE03/04283	12/23/2003	Fixing the Position of a Pull-Tab with an Anti Rotation Bead Formed from the Panel	APPL
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Mr. Mueller,

Thank you for your prompt response. I will insert your suggested language into the examiner amendment, and submit it for counting today. Have a great day.

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Examiner,

Here is what I propose for your Examiner's Amendment:

Original:

Figure 1,
Figure 2,
Figure 3

show three stages in a manufacturing process of a sheet metal lid, comprising a station for inserting a weakening line 16, a subsequent station for introducing a finger depression 13 and additional beads 18a in the openable area inside the weakening line, and a further station at which a tab 30 is mounted using a rivet 11 integrally formed on the sheet metal lid, via an attaching portion 31 that is shown schematically in all three figures as a flat attachment tongue.

Proposed Amendment:

Figure 1[[,]] shows a station for inserting a weakening line 16.

Figure 2[[,]] shows a station for introducing a finger depression 13 and additional beads 18a in the openable area inside the weakening line.

~~Figure 3 show three stages in a manufacturing process of a sheet metal lid, comprising a station for inserting a weakening line 16, a subsequent station for introducing a finger depression 13 and additional beads 18a in the openable area inside the weakening line, and a further shows station at which a tab 30 is mounted using a rivet 11 integrally formed on the sheet metal lid, via an attaching portion 31 that is shown schematically in all three figures as a flat attachment tongue.~~

Clean version:

Figure 1 shows a station for inserting a weakening line 16.

Figure 2 shows a station for introducing a finger depression 13 and additional beads 18a in the openable area inside the weakening line.

Figure 3 shows station at which a tab 30 is mounted using a rivet 11 integrally formed on the sheet metal lid, via an attaching portion 31 that is shown schematically as a flat attachment tongue.

If this proposed amendment is not acceptable, please let me know.

Regards,

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